

Unique Political System Colombian Inaugurated

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BOGOTA, Colombia—Colombia completed the first lap on its road to democracy and economic stability with the inauguration of Guillermo Leon Valencia as president Tuesday.

Valencia, 54, a Conservative, took over as chief executive from Liberal Alberto Lleras Camargo after four years of a unique political system alternating the presidency between the once warring Liberal and Conservative parties.

The system was evolved in 1958 as a solution to political fighting which killed about 200,000 Colombians in the preceding decade and led to the dictatorship of Gustavo Rojas Pinilla.

Conservatives and Liberals buried the hatchet to oust Rojas Pinilla in 1957, then kept it buried to lead the country away from dictatorship and financial chaos. Despite challenges from dissidents of both parties, Valencia won 1,446,030 of the total 2,644,384 votes cast in the presidential balloting last May.

The parties divide seats in Congress and on district and local councils evenly, and the national government is a coalition.

On inauguration eve, an outlaw band led by one-time Liberal guerrilla leader Sangre Negra Black Blood killed 13 persons — 10 of them under 21 — in an attack near Libano, about 150 miles southwest of Bogota. Authorities called the attack an attempt to stir up old political antagonisms during inauguration festivities.

Valencia has been in politics since 1939, but never has been closely identified with any political faction. Like Lleras, Valencia is strongly anti-Communist and anti-Castro and is a good friend of the United States. He is counting heavily on U.S. aid to help him tackle the many economic ills still besetting this nation of 14 million people.

In its ruling, the court affirmed the original desegregation plan by former U.S. Dist. Judge J. Skelly Wright in 1960. Wright issued the plan when the embattled school board failed to submit one.

Judge Wright—now with the Appellate Court in the District of Columbia—had ordered a grade a year desegregated beginning September, 1960. However, only limited desegregation has been introduced in New Orleans schools. A total of 12 Negroes now attend six previously all-white schools in the city.

Last April, Judge Wright amended his order and called for the desegregation of all six grades of New Orleans schools. The parents of 101 Negro pupils asked for the action, charging the school board was trying to limit desegregation by use of the Louisiana pupil placement plan. This is a plan whereby the board assigned students to various schools.

Frank B. Ellis succeeded Wright when he moved up to the Appellate Court. Ellis overturned his predecessor's order, and reinstated the 1960 staircase plan.

Two Persons Killed In Red China Blasts
MACAO (AP)—At least two persons died and more than 20 were injured in two mysterious explosions Saturday and Sunday in Chinese Communist territory across the border, reports reaching here Monday said.

The reports said about 200 residents of the area were detained by the Communists in connection with the incidents.

Cuban Trainees
HAVANA (AP)—The Fidel Castro regime will send 350 Cuban workers and technicians to the Soviet Union for industrial training, says the newspaper Hoy.

Construction Begins On Marquam Bridge
PORTLAND (AP)—Work is under way this week on the \$11 million Marquam Bridge across the Willamette River.

70,000 Participating In Military Exercise
SUMTER, S.C. (AP)—Ground, air and airborne units were poised Tuesday for the nation's biggest peacetime war games, Operation Swift Strike II.

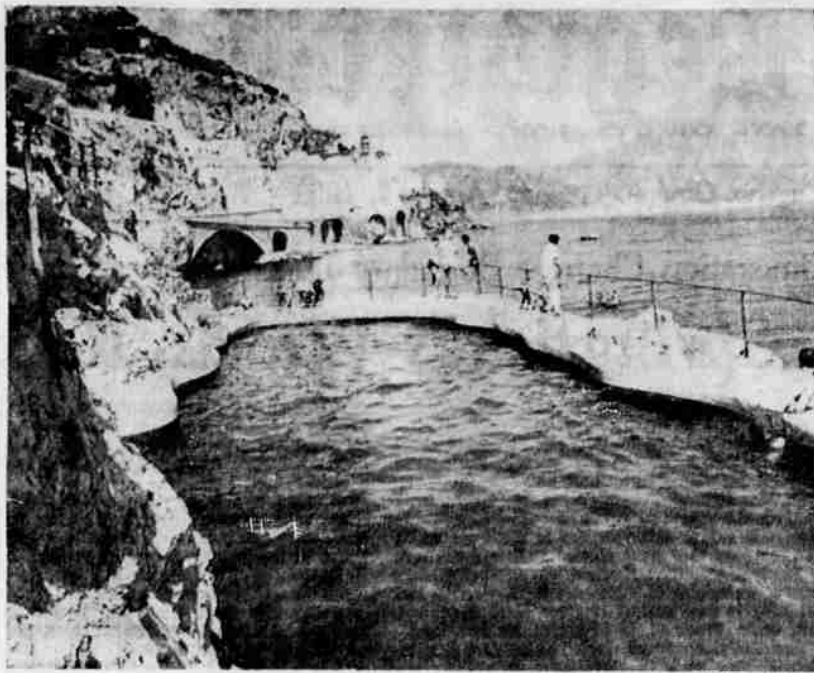
Three days of deployment by some 70,000 troops end Wednesday when forces of Gutsu, the mythical enemy nation, meet those of the friendly country of Renloa.

Integration Order Given New Orleans
NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals set the desegregation of New Orleans public schools back on its original timetable Monday. It ordered Negroes admitted to the second and third grades September 4.

A three-judge panel of circuit judges also ordered the school board gradually to end its system of separate-but-equal school districts for Negroes and whites. The effect of the order would be ultimately to make one school system for both races. The panel consisted of circuit judges John Minor Wisdom, John Brown, and Richard T. Rives.

The first grade has been integrated in New Orleans since November, 1960.

The court ordered abolition of the dual system for the first and second grades in September, 1963 and to abolish it for the third, fourth, and fifth grades in September, 1964.



This is a view along the Amalfi coast on the Gulf of Salerno with swimming pool of the "Luna" (Moon) Hotel at Amalfi in the foreground. Amalfi is a resort near Ravello, a smaller resort, where Jacqueline Kennedy and daughter Caroline will spend an August vacation.

Italian Resort For Jackie, Caroline Italians Prepare Welcome

RAVELLO, Italy (AP)—This tiny cliff-top resort overlooking the bay of Salerno seethed Tuesday with excitement over the visit of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy.

Shopkeepers tried to outdo each other in the size and color of their welcome signs for the arrival Wednesday of the U.S. President's wife and 4-year-old daughter Caroline.

Children in traditional costume rehearsed a tarantella they want to dance for the vacationing Mrs. Kennedy.

A merchant shipped a gift of 24 bottles of regional wine to the White House a few weeks ago proudly showed everyone a thank you note from Mrs. Kennedy's secretary.

So many policemen were in town that a local monastery was helping handle the overflow.

Lorenzo Mansi, mayor of this normally peaceful community of 2,500, invited policemen and newsmen to a reception to appeal for moderation and calm during Mrs. Kennedy's stay.

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10 Bathers Stung
NEWSPORT, R.I. (AP)—Portuguese men-of-war—stinging jellyfish five inches in diameter with tentacles about three feet long forced temporary closing of a beach for an hour Monday. Ten persons were stung. They were treated at a hospital and released.

Assassination Plot Reported
RABAT, Morocco (AP)—Moroccan security agents foiled a plot by Palestinian terrorists to assassinate King Hussein of Jordan during his visit to Morocco, informed sources said Tuesday.

The sources said a "group of terrorists of Palestinian origin" trailed Hussein through the countries of Europe he visited before his arrival in Tangiers from Gibraltar July 31.

They said the assassination plot was uncovered by agents of the Surete Nationale, Morocco's equivalent of the FBI.

Hussein ended a five-day private visit to Morocco Monday and flew back to his capital of Amman.

"We were asked by American authorities to assure Mrs. Kennedy privacy as far as possible — and that is what we are trying to do. No one will be allowed to get near her," said a security officer.

More than 50 plainclothesmen were called in to help the small local force.

Two policemen will be stationed around the clock atop the 100-foot bell tower of San Pantaleo cathedral overlooking Mrs. Kennedy's villa.

But Paolo Caruso, head of Ravello's tourist bureau, fears the tight security will dash the hopes of the 16 children who have been practicing their tarantella for the past week.

"If all these police restrictions are applied," he said, "our children won't be able to do the dance. And that would be a real pity for them."

Ben Khedda Government Drops Reins

Political Bureau Controls Algeria

ALGIERS (AP)—The Algerian provisional government of Premier Ben Youssef Ben Khedda surrendered its powers Tuesday to the political bureau headed by Vice Premier Ahmed Ben Bella.

A communique issued by Ben Khedda's office said "the powers held hitherto by the provisional government of the Algerian Republic are henceforth exercised by the political bureau."

September Meeting

The communique said the provisional government continues in existence as the "institution of the revolution" until a meeting of the National Council of the Algerian Revolution (CNRA) — the self-appointed nationalist parliament that directed the Algerian rebellion — scheduled for early September.

The Ben Khedda regime thus assumes formally the almost entirely figurehead role it has had since Algeria became independent. Its assumption of actual control over the administration of the country was stymied by the bitter struggle for power between Ben Bella and his opponents.

Confusion May Ease

Under the agreement last Thursday which ended temporarily the quarrel between Algeria's politicians, the political bureau was to take over the nation's leadership until the election of a constituent assembly, scheduled for Sept. 2.

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FDA Spokesman Says: Thalidomide Given 15,000 Americans

WASHINGTON (AP)—A Food and Drug Administration spokesman said Tuesday that surveys indicate more than 15,000 American patients received thalidomide pills from U.S. doctors. About 3,200 of them were women of child bearing age.

"We have no information as to how many of these women were pregnant," said Wallace Janssen, FDA information director. "And we don't have any information at this point on the total quantity of pills given to doctors."

Senators were told in a closed session Monday that so far there have been no reports of malformed babies attributable to thalidomide pills dispensed in this country from supplies which the American maker provided to doctors for experimental use.

But Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., told the Senate Monday no one can be certain until about Jan. 1 that no deformities will develop.

Thalidomide, a sedative, has been blamed for the malformation of thousands of infants in Europe. It was not sold in the United States, but was distributed to doctor for possible experimental use before its effects in Europe were publicized.

There have been a few birth deformities in the United States blamed on thalidomide, but the cases reported so far involved supplies of the drug obtained abroad.

In one case, however, a New York woman gave birth to a deformed child after taking thalidomide supplied by a Park Avenue psychiatrist who obtained it from Germany. The child lived only 41 minutes.

Food and Drug Administrator George P. Larrick appeared Monday before the Senate Judiciary Committee to report on results of an FDA survey of thalidomide in the United States.

Most Doctors Contacted
Earlier the FDA had reported that thalidomide was distributed to 1,231 U.S. physicians and said that all but 158 doctors had been contacted and had returned or destroyed the pills.

After the hearing Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois said in an interview that the Judiciary Committee can attain a compromise on a series of amendments proposed by President Kennedy to the drug control act introduced by Sen. Kefauver.

Dirksen said he would support and work for passage of a bill to tighten regulations over the distribution of experimental drugs which could have damaging side effects.

The Kefauver drug measure was passed by the committee after considerable amending. However, Senate majority leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said it may be some time before it can be considered by the Senate.

Dirksen, who has fought against some of the controls Kefauver and others want to put in the drug bill, said Larrick had testified the FDA not has regulatory powers under existing law to control experimental drugs that it hasn't used.

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